

REMARKS

SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS

In the Office Action Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 38-40, 70-72, 74, and 81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over White et al. (*White*) in view of *James* or *Crippen*.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 17-19, 22, 24, 53-56, 58 and 61 are allowed.

CLAIMS 1, 38, 70, 81

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that *White* "discloses a ballistic barrier." It is respectfully submitted that *White* does not disclose a ballistic barrier. Rather, *White* discloses "a lining system in a fuselage compartment," "for purposes of enhancing **condensate management**" (emphasis added, column 1, lines 5-10). Thus, Applicants' invention is not obvious in view of the cited art.

Further, there is no motivation to combine the teachings of either *James* or *Crippen* with *White* in order to convert *White* into relevant art.

According to *White*, condensate, i.e., **moisture**, if absorbed by the insulation "is undesirable because it reduces the effectiveness of the insulation to insulate the passenger compartment of the aircraft from heat loss through the cold fuselage skin" (see column 2, lines 14-18). Thus, *White* in no way discloses or suggests a ballistic barrier.

Further, *White et al.* does not disclose the group consisting of aramid, polyethylene and phenylenebenzole and as stated above, there is no motivation to combine *White* with either *James* or *Crippen*.

Thus, for the reasons stated above, independent Claim 1 is allowable over the art of record and that Claim 1 be held in condition for allowance.

Similarly, Claims 38, 70, and 81, each contains the limitations that are similar to Claim 1. Thus, Claims 38, 70, and 81 are therefore allowable for at least the reasons set forth herein with respect to Claim 1.

CLAIMS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 39-41, 71-72, 74 AND 77

Claim 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 39-41, 71-72, 74 and 77 is either directly or indirectly dependent upon independent Claims 1, 38 or 70 and include all the features of Claim 1, Claim 38 or Claim 70. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 39-41, 71-72, 74 and 77 are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein with respect to Claims 1, 38, 70.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 39-41, 71-72, 74 and 77 recite additional features that independently render Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 39-41, 71-72, 74 and 77 patentable over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

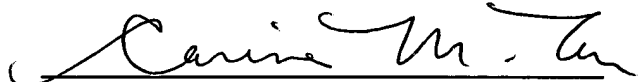
For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4311.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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